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Hervé Martin is the Head of Unit 'LIFE – Environment and Eco-innovation' in the Directorate-General for Environment of the European Commission.

For several years Mr. Martin was a doctor in France and in Algeria. He joined the Commission in 1987 and started his career as a desk officer. He went on to work for different directorate-generals dealing with the Human and Environmental Health in a number of roles. In 2000, he has become the Head of the Unit 'Biotechnology and Pesticides', just before to be the Head of the Unit 'Civil Protection', from 2006 to September 2009. Since the 1st of October he manages a part of the LIFE team (it has been shared in 2 groups as it was too large) this mean that he has got the responsibility for the coordination of a unit in load of the proper implementation of the [LIFE III](#) and [LIFE+](#) programmes in accordance with the requirements and the objectives of their respective Regulations and the priorities of the Sixth Environment Action Programme and thematic strategies. Furthermore to develop and put in place the mechanisms which will allow operational units to benefit from the outcomes of those programmes. Finally he takes care of the NGO Funding (under Life +) because the EU should provide also financial support to Non-Governmental Organisations to enable them to participate in the stakeholder dialogue as well as he works on the Environmental Technologies and the Eco-Innovation Action Plan.